

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** January 25, 2008  
10:00A.M.

**LOCATION:** Brownsburg Fire Territory Headquarter  
And Training Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)  
Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)  
William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)  
Myron Mackey (EMTs)  
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)  
G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedics)  
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)  
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire)  
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Garvey, Division Director, Fire and  
Building Safety

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Miller. Chairman Miller thanked Brownsburg Fire Territory for the use of the facility.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Terri Hamilton. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as corrected.**

Commission member Lee Turpen gave a presentation on how EMS Commission actions impact provider reimbursements especially from Medicare.

**STAFF REPORTS:**EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

First Responders currently certified	6,240
EMTs to be certified this date	223
EMTs currently certified	16,142
EMTs recertified this date	260
EMT Basic Advanced to be certified this date	19
EMT Basic Advanced currently certified	1,242
EMT Basic Advanced recertified this date	62
EMT Paramedics to be certified this date	52
EMT Paramedics currently certified	2,946
EMT Paramedics recertified this date	191
EMT Intermediates to be certified this date	15
EMT Intermediates currently certified	166
EMT Intermediates recertified this date	8
Temporary certificates issued:	
EMT-B	25
EMT Paramedic	02

Drivers Certifications currently certified: 1196

Tony Pagano discussed EMS certification trends and tendencies showing that the raw numbers are, for the most part, stagnant. Chairman Miller expressed concerns that as run volume increases the number of personnel to take the calls will decrease. William Rutherford noted that as personnel move up the medical occupation chain they keep their lower certifications. Mr. Pagano said that a good number of paramedics do not work pre-hospital. Jane Craigin suggested the formation of a workforce development taskforce to study the issue. Mike Garvey responded that Purdue University is interested in conducting a study.

Mr. Mackey requested a comparison of pass rates for training institutions. Mr. Pagano reported that 81% of students who initially fail pass after 3 attempts. Mr. Pagano also reported that new national curricula are being developed by the DOT. The names of the certification levels will be changing.

### EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	7
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization,	22
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	15
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	5
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider	86
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	26
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	7

Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	7
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	7
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	18
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	10
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	47
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	37
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	5
BLS Non-Transport Organization	325
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	83
Fixed Wing Air ambulance	1
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	16
Total	779

## EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

Vehicle Inspections	163
Provider/Hospital//Training Institution Applications	104
EMS Provider visits	253
EMS Provider Audits	10
Hospital Visits	02
EMT Written tests proctored	11

EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain reported that staff is working on improving the provider certification reports. Ms. Crain stated that she has been meeting with the ISDH in regards to private providers' participation in Hoosier Safe- T. Questions should be directed to Ms. Crain. She also reported that EMS District Manager Troy Morgan has left the agency for other employment and EMS District Manager Mike Goff will be leaving for other employment also.

Ms. Crain also reported that the Medical Response/Mass Casualty Trailers Project is moving along with 5 trailers now being in place. Also the DPMU will set up and train at Fort Wayne on June 21.

## EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson presented the EMS Data Registry Report. A total of 2,066,628 runs have been entered. He also reported that the state is considering getting a web-based server for data collection and reporting. Mr. Nelson stated that the web-based server will have no effect on those providers currently reporting using their present software (ACS/FireHouse, FireHelp, FirePro, FireEase, SweetSoft, OSSI, etc.).

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Steve Garrison presented 2 recommendations to the commission regarding 12-lead. **In regards to the obtaining of 12-lead in the field by Basic, Basic-Advanced, and Intermediate EMTs, Mr. Turpen offered a motion to table the topic until a fiscal impact study can be completed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed.**

**In regards to the curriculum for 12 lead interpretations by paramedics, Mr. Turpen offered a motion to table the topic until the next meeting, remove the 100% accuracy requirement, and require the education committee to distribute the proposed curriculum to ALS training institutions for comment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS**2008 Legislation

Division Director Mike Garvey highlighted bills currently before the Indiana Legislature that have a potential impact on EMS. HB1171 would require autism training for EMS personnel. SB0028 would establish reduced ignition standards for cigarettes. SB0249 would require the commission to adopt rules regarding trauma patient triage and transportation protocols. SB0336 would add 3 members to the stroke prevention task force.

Indiana Department of Child Services

Mr. Garvey reported that protocols for the assessment and treatment of drug endangered children are being distributed to providers by the district managers. He also reported that on-line training was available through the DHS website.

**LEGAL MATTERS**Pending Administrative Cases

A list was presented to the commission.

Renewal of Emergency Orders of Suspension

It was reported that the Agency has renewed the following:

Order No, 11-2007, Larry Fish, EMT #45591

Order No, 19-2007, David Manlove, EMT #35252

Emergency Order of Suspension

It was reported that the Agency has issued the following Emergency Orders of Suspension:

Order No. 20 -2007, William M. Jones, EMT #58404

Order No. 21- 2007, James Jacobi, EMT #4119

Order No. 22- 2007, Kasey Kadinger, EMT #57023

Order No. 01- 2008, James L. Hossler, EMT #56219

Probationary Certification Issued

It was reported that the Agency has issued probationary certifications to the following:

Cause No. 09 -2007, Joseph Fisher, EMT #63801

Cause No. 10- 2007, Alexander Turner, EMT #59507

Cause No. 17- 2007, Jonathan Ramsey, EMT #55434

Cause No. 18- 2007, Robert Darnell, First Responder #FR53841

## **EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:**

### Provider Waiver Requests

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the following:

*Medlife, Inc., 836 IAC 1-4-1, Radio requirements:*

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to grant the waiver. The motion was seconded by Charles Valentine. The motion passed. .**

*Knox County EMS, 836 IAC 2.71-1(h), Renewal, Staffing on ALS Ambulances:*

**Dr. Rutherford offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed. Mr. Mackey abstained.**

EMS District Manager Tom Nowacki presented the following:

*Porter EMS, Porter County, 836 IAC 1-2-4, Staffing on Ambulance for Neonatal Intensive Care Ambulance Transport:*

**Mr. Turpen offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed.**

Mr. Pagano presented the following:

*Emergency Training Institute of Northeast Indiana, 836 IAC 4-2-1(a)(2), requirements to become a training institution.*

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion that the institute be allowed to maintain its training institution for 1 year and that the certification be retroactive to January 6, 2008. The motion was seconded by Ms. Craigin. The motion passed.**

### EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

Mr. Pagano presented the following requests:

*Steven Sorenson, EMT Course Graduate, requesting waiver of the 18 year old age requirement*

Staff's recommendation is to deny the request

**Dr. Rutherford offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed. The request is denied.**

*Mark Smythe, EMT-BA, #55610, Requesting reinstatement of emergency medical service certifications*

Staff's recommendation is to deny the request and require retesting of basic, basic-advanced written and practical certifications examinations.

**Dr. Rutherford offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton. The motion passed. The request is denied.**

Ms. Craigin suggested that staff consider offering a 60 to 90 day grace period, during which personnel could not work, to allow personnel to obtain in-service hours and then charge them a \$500.00 late fee. Mr. Pagano stated that staff was considering a similar recommendation.

**COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:**

Mr. Garvey asked anyone interested in hosting a commission meeting to contact Ms. Crain or a district manager. He also stated that anyone bringing a waiver request to the commission should also submit a fiscal impact study with the request.

**2008 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES**

Friday, March 14, 2008

Friday May 16, 2008

Friday, July 25, 2008 (tentative)

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Friday, November, 14, 2007

Locations will be announced at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 PM.